

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A combined animal information tag for providing primary and supplemental information about an animal, comprising:

a) a primary tag permanently attached to the animal and displaying primary information about the animal, wherein the primary tag comprises a tag body having a first planar dimension or a tag neck having a second planar dimension; and

b) a supplemental tag attached to the primary information tag for displaying supplemental information about the animal, wherein the supplemental tag comprises two arms each having a first end and a second end, the first ends terminating at least proximal to each other and the second ends being connected to each other; a cavity between the two arms sized to conform to a selected portion of the primary tag; and an egress means between the first ends through which the primary tag can pass into the cavity,

wherein the supplemental tag is a generally looped-shaped member having two generally parallel elongated sections and two generally short sections and is attached to the primary tag around the permanent tag body or permanent tag neck.

2. (cancelled).

3. (currently amended) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2 1, wherein the egress means is located on one of the elongated sections.

4. (cancelled).

5. (cancelled).

6. (currently amended) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2 1, wherein the elongated sections transition into the short sections and the egress means is located proximal to a transition.

7. (currently amended) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2 1, wherein the short sections are curved sections and the looped-shaped member is generally oval-shaped.

8. (original) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the first ends abut one another.

9. (original) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first ends of the arms has a tooth structure.

10. (original) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein at least one of the arms is sufficiently flexible to allow one arm to flex away from the other arm so as to allow the supplemental tag to slide over the primary tag.

11. (original) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the supplemental information regarding the animal is indicated by placing at least one color indicator on the supplemental tag.

12. (original) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the entire supplemental tag is a single color to indicate the supplemental information regarding the animal.

13. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1 for providing primary and supplemental information about an animal, comprising:

a) a primary tag permanently attached to the animal and displaying primary information about the animal, wherein the primary tag comprises a tag body having a first planar dimension or a tag neck having a second planar dimension; and

b) a supplemental tag attached to the primary information tag for displaying supplemental information about the animal, wherein the supplemental tag comprises two arms each having a first end and a second end, the first ends terminating at least proximal to each other and the second ends being connected to each other; a cavity between the two arms sized to conform to a selected portion of the primary tag; and an egress means between the first ends through which the primary tag can pass into the cavity,

wherein the supplemental tag is attached to the primary tag around the permanent tag body or permanent tag neck and wherein the supplemental information regarding the animal is contained in a computer chip attached to or a part of the supplemental tag.

14. (cancelled).

15. (cancelled).

16. (cancelled).

17. (cancelled).

18. (cancelled).

19. (previously presented) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the primary tag is an ear tag comprising the tag body and the tag neck and the second planar dimension is smaller than the first planar dimension.

20. (previously presented) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the primary tag is an ankle tag comprising the tag body and the supplemental tag is attached to the primary tag around the tag body.

21. (cancelled).

22. (cancelled).

23. (previously presented) A combined animal information tag for providing primary and supplemental information about an animal, comprising:

- a) a primary tag permanently attached to the animal and displaying primary information about the animal; and
- b) a supplemental tag attached to the primary information tag for displaying supplemental information about the animal, wherein the supplemental tag is a generally looped-shaped member having two generally parallel elongated sections and two generally short sections and comprises two arms each having a first end and a second end, the first ends terminating at least proximal to each other and the second ends being connected to each other; a cavity between the two arms sized to conform to a selected portion of the primary tag; and an egress means between the first ends through which the primary tag can pass into the cavity.

24. (previously presented) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 23, wherein the egress means is located on one of the elongated sections.

25. (previously presented) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 23, wherein the first ends abut one another.

26. (previously presented) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 23, wherein at least one of the first ends of the arms has a tooth structure.

27. (previously presented) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 23, wherein at least one of the arms is sufficiently flexible to allow one arm to flex away from the other arm so as to allow the supplemental tag to slide over the primary tag.

28. (previously presented) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 23, wherein the entire supplemental tag further comprises at least one color to indicate the supplemental information regarding the animal.

29. (previously presented) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 23, wherein the supplemental information regarding the animal is contained in a computer chip attached to or a part of the supplemental tag.

30. (previously presented) The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 23, wherein the primary tag is selected from the group consisting of (a) an ear tag comprising a tag body having a first planar dimension and a tag neck having a second planar dimension smaller than the first planar dimension, and the supplemental tag is attached to the primary tag around the tag body or tag neck; and (b) an ankle tag comprising a tag body having a first planar dimension, and the supplemental tag is attached to the primary tag around the tag body.